

POLICE SCOTLAND
GREATER GLASGOW DIVISION
REPORT TO EAST RENFREWSHIRE CABINET
POLICE PERFORMANCE OVER THE 3rd QUARTER
OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2013/2014

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update members of East Renfrewshire Cabinet on police performance over the 3rd^{quarter} of the financial year 2013/2014. This narrative should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying statistical report covering selected crimes and offences in East Renfrewshire. Full statistical reports are available on the Police Scotland website.

2. Local Management

- 2.1 Chief Superintendent Andy Bates remains Commander for Greater Glasgow Division. Chief Inspector Campbell Crawford remains as Area Commander for East Renfrewshire. Inspector Alan Dickson, remains as Community Police Inspector for East Renfrewshire and will also be Deputy Area Commander. Sergeant Jim Boyle has replaced Sgt Susan Gillon as Local Authority Liaison Officer (LALO). Sgt Gillon has contributed greatly to increased joint working and has moved to become Temp/Inspector.

3. Summary of Performance – Financial Year to Date

- 3.1 Following on from an exceptional year last year and with record low crime across East Renfrewshire, I can report that for the third quarter of this financial year there has been a further reduction in overall crime and incidents within East Renfrewshire.

4 East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan Priority 1- Violence, disorder and ASB

- 4.1 One of the key challenges facing our communities is the continued focus on reducing violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour. Our objectives include a commitment to:
- Reduce the number of assaults.
 - Reduce the number of complaints regarding antisocial behaviour

In an effort to further reduce violence, disorder and antisocial behaviour we continue to work closely with our partners and, through our weekly GRIP (Greater Results in Partnership) meetings, we consider a number of options to help deal with emerging and longer term problems and locations.

To date we have sent out 47 joint warning letters to offenders, made 88 joint visits to offender's homes and undertaken 129 joint disorder patrols focusing local and specialised resources in 'hot spot' areas identified by the GRIP meeting through incident and call analysis. This has taken a large commitment from personnel however the results and reduction in all call demand throughout all the agencies have shown it is a very positive and effective way of working together.

The nine month figures for all assaults in East Renfrewshire shows a total of 247 against last year's 309 which is a drop of 20% or more importantly 62 less victims.

Calls from the public in respect of antisocial behaviour were 2548 this compares to 3056 for the same period last year which equates to a drop of 17% or 508 less calls.

5 East Renfrewshire Local Policing Plan Priority 2 - Protecting People

5.1 Keeping people safe is the cornerstone of Police Scotland. Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Increase the detection rate for domestic abuse.
- Achieve national targets in respect of all Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA.)
- Reduce road deaths and serious injuries.
- Reduce the number of housebreakings.

5.2 When compared to the same period last year there have been fewer domestic abuse incidents reported to the police in East Renfrewshire. Where incidents have been reported we have detected a significantly higher proportion of offenders. The detection rate is currently at 77%, compared to 68.6% for the same period last year, and increase of 8.4%

In order to provide support to victims of domestic abuse, we make referrals to Advocacy, Support, Safety and Information Services Together (ASSIST.) Through speaking to the victims and building a rapport with them, victims are encouraged to report historical incidents.

Support to victims is also provided through monthly meetings that Domestic Abuse Unit staff attends, along with ASSIST, Social Work, Health and Education.

Following feedback from victims groups, Police Scotland now also visit victims of domestic abuse following a court appearance, to inform them of any bail conditions imposed by the court. We have set ourselves a challenging target to complete 95% of these visits within 24 hours of notification by the court. This time frame is relevant because it is the critical time when further domestic incidents are most likely to occur. In East Renfrewshire we have notified 98.1% of victims within 24 hours.

Multi Agency Public Protection Arrangements (MAPPA) is the framework which joins together the agencies who manage offenders. The fundamental purpose of MAPPA is public safety and the reduction of serious harm. MAPPA provides a consistent approach to the management of offenders across all local authority and police force areas, providing a structure for assessing and managing the risk posed by serious offenders.

In East Renfrewshire offenders are monitored in the community under MAPPA which involves Police Scotland, the local authority, the NHS, Scottish Prison Service and other partners. Public safety is the main priority in all cases. The Local Police

Offender Management Unit maintains very close links with the Local Area Commander to ensure that local officers are aware of offenders living in the community. We remain fully committed to playing our part in this process to help keep people safe.

To date our Road Safety campaign has been a particular area of focus. Responding to complaints from the community, daily we have dedicated officers who carry out road checks aimed at addressing inappropriate driver behaviour through enforcement of legislation. The results so far shows 824 persons reported for speeding offences, 367 reported for using mobile phones whilst driving, 422 reported for not wearing seatbelts and 15 persons reported for driving dangerously. These figures have dropped slightly from last year which is positive as our efforts are having an impact on driver behaviour.

In terms of reducing housebreakings, we have used intelligence to help direct patrols, utilising dedicated officers in uniform and plain clothes, to deter and detect those involved in this type of crime, ensuring that all avenues of investigation and crime scene analysis are exploited. To date we have had 88 reported housebreakings compared to 112 last year. This is a 21.4% reduction and equates to 24 fewer victims.

6. Local Policing Plan Priority 3 – Increase public confidence and Local Engagement

6.1 To ensure that we maintain public confidence we are committed to listening to local people. Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Undertake a Community Consultation Survey.
- Publish Community Policing Plans based on the result of the Community Consultation Survey and other forms of community engagement.
- Report on performance measured against the local priorities identified by the public.

6.2 The priorities and objectives set out in the Local Policing Plan were identified through engagement with communities across East Renfrewshire, which enabled us to identify the issues that cause most concern to local people. This engagement is ongoing and includes day to day contact with local communities, elected members and partner agencies, the completion of hundreds of service satisfaction surveys and our annual Community Consultation Survey.

We have just completed this year's consultation with the results due for publication indicating a positive response. These responses form our local priorities for the coming year and to help inform the Local Policing Plan due for publication in April for 2014/17.

Engagement continues to be a high priority within East Renfrewshire and the third round of Area Commander / Ward Councillor meetings have taken place whereby each local ward area councillors meet with the local police management team to discuss policing issues within their area.

7. Local Policing Plan Priority 4 – Tackling serious crime and national Events

7.1 Tackling serious and organised crime remains one of our key priorities. Our objectives include a commitment to:

- Work with partners to deprive organised crime groups access to financial gains, achieved through legitimate enterprises.
- Target organised crime groups through proceeds of crime legislation.
- Plan for the delivery of a safe and secure Commonwealth Games in 2014.

Within East Renfrewshire we continue to target organised crime groups by focusing on their various criminal enterprises and disrupting their activities.

The sale and supply of drugs is a major concern and has a negative impact on many parts of our communities. Officers continue to focus on those who are active in this trade and through intelligence led activity and partnership working, those found responsible are being robustly dealt with.

The portfolio holder for Serious and Organised Crime within Greater Glasgow Division is Detective Superintendent John McDonald, deputised by DCI Gary Thomson. Their area of business extends across Glasgow, East Renfrewshire and East Dunbartonshire. All officers in the Division are engaged in tackling Serious and Organised Crime (SAOC) supported by specialist resources.

Greater Glasgow has a number of Serious and Organised Crime Groups (SOCG) posing varying threats and challenges to our communities. Each group is closely monitored and resources deployed accordingly. The main objective is to keep our communities safe and allow them to flourish.

8 Initiatives and Events

8.1 Our regular East Renfrewshire Police newsletter continues to grow in popularity. This has been introduced to keep people updated on policing initiatives in the local area and is circulated to elected members, partner agencies and local community groups. We are widening our circulation of our newsletter to include community councils, schools and local groups.

8.2 Our 4 new campus officers are settling in well to their respective schools and are immersing themselves in all aspects of working with young people and early intervention, including diversionary projects, mentoring and delivering educational inputs to all school pupils. They have all been successful in their application to attend JITT training (Joint interviewing techniques), this will further enhance their skills base and allow them to carry out joint interviews with our social work colleagues.

8.3 After the success of our road safety campaign which was run during the month of September we have continued to dedicate two officers to patrol throughout East Renfrewshire, targeting poor driver behaviour and drivers who continue to flout the law. Working with partners in the local authority roads department and liaising with local elected members we continue to focus on key areas of concern. As a result year to date figures show officers have detected 422 drivers who were failing to wear their seatbelt, 367 drivers' using their mobile phones and 824 drivers exceeding the speed limit. Parking and road safety surrounding schools throughout East

Renfrewshire continues to cause concern and during the whole month of November 2013 our campus officers working alongside our community wardens ran a dedicated action plan in an attempt to address this concern. This action plan will be repeated during the last quarter, where 10 identified schools will be targeted at school drop off/pick up times.

- 8.4 The annual fireworks event was held on 5th November 2013 at the GHA club on Braidholm Road Giffnock where in excess of 5000 patrons attended. Officers worked jointly with community wardens and roads department in the pre planning stages of this event and also on the night to ensure that this event passed without incident. Our campus officers working alongside fire and rescue colleagues presented hard hitting presentations to all high school pupils highlighting the dangers of fireworks.
- 8.5 During the month of December 2013 we ran our ' Winter Initiative ' action plan working closely with community wardens and CCTV operators. This year 3 cluster areas were identified and dedicated officers were tasked , working in High visibility foot patrols within the busy retail areas Monday – Sunday during business hours of operation.. High risk businesses were visited and advice given on crime prevention and contact details furnished. No robberies throughout East Renfrewshire during this period.
9. The Cabinet is asked to note this report.

Chief Superintendent Andy Bates	T/Chief Inspector Campbell Crawford
Divisional Commander	Area Commander
Greater Glasgow Division	East Renfrewshire

Crimes of Violence YTD Apr-Dec 2013	2012/13	2013/14	% Change
Murder	1	0	-100
Detection rate	100%	N/A	N/A
Attempted Murder	4	4	0
Detection rate	100%	100%	N/A
Serious/Common Assaults	317	257	-19%
Detection rate	61.6%	64.9%	3.3
Robbery	11	5	-54.5
Detection rate	72.7%	60%	-12.7
Domestic Abuse Incidents			
Domestic Violence Incidents	442	363	-17.9
Non Crime Incidents	120	87	-27.5
Crime Incidents	322	276	-14.3
Detection Rate	68.6%	77%	+8.4
Reported Inc of ASB			
Total Disorder Calls	3056	2548	-16.6
Stop Search Activity			
Overall Total		9882	-9.8
Positive inc Alcohol, drugs, property or weapons		1677	+16.8
Crimes of Dishonesty			
Housebreaking (Inc attempt)	112	88	-21.4
Detection Rate	19%	28%	+47.4
Road Traffic Offences			
Dangerous Driving	20	15	-25
Speeding	871	824	-5.4
Disqualified	10	9	-10
License offences	62	63	1.6

Seat Belt offences	535	422	-21.1
Mobile Phone	422	367	-13.0
Road Casualties			
Road Deaths/Serious Injury			